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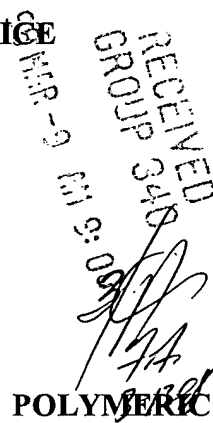
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GP 3408

Case #1974

GROUP 2200

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Application of: André M. Goineau, et al.
Serial Number: 08/863,113
Filed: May 27, 1997
For: **METHOD TO PRODUCE IMPROVED POLYMERIC YARN**

Group Art Unit: 3408
Examiner: Worrell, Jr., L.

AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 1997.

Cancel Claims 1 and 2.

Claims 3 and 5, line 1, **delete** "Claim 2" and **substitute** -Claim 9-.

Add the following claims:

GN 612
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--9. A process to provide a fully oriented single ply industrial yarn from a single ply low molecular weight polyester partially oriented yarn comprising the steps of: providing a bobbin of single ply polyester POY multifilament yarn, pretensioning the single ply yarn and supplying it to a heater, drawing said pretensioned single ply in a draw zone in the range of 1.8 - 2.3 as it passes over the heater to produce a fully oriented, single ply yarn and supplying the fully oriented single ply yarn directly to a take-up roll without further processing.